

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

March 20, 2022 as Day of Nowruz

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WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox, and marks the first day of Spring. Many may know it as the Iranian or Persian New Year; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz marks the start of the new year for many communities around the world, including Iranian, Afghan, Tajik, Kurdish, Balouch and Azeri communities; faith communities such as Zoroastrian, Muslim, Jewish, Christian and Baha'i peoples; and those who trace their heritage to many locations—including from Persepolis to Balkh, Kashgar to Delhi, Bukhara to Herat, Tabriz to Kermanshah, Diyarbakir to Zabol, the Fergana Valley to Zanzibar, and the Persian Gulf to the Balkans; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Nowruz is embodied in the Haft-Seen table, an arrangement of seven elements symbolizing life, hope and nature, which is complemented by other traditions such as Haft Mewa, a compote of seven fruits representing growth and rejuvenation; and

WHEREAS, many who celebrate Nowruz honor nature with traditions such as jumping over fire on the last Tuesday night before the new year to symbolically burn bad deeds and purify souls to welcome the new year; or holding a Farmers' Festival on the second day of Nowruz; or gathering with families and friends in nature to conclude the festivities on Sizdah be dar, the thirteenth day of Nowruz; and

WHEREAS, the communities observant of Nowruz and calls California home contributes to the incredible strength and diversity of our state; and

WHEREAS, after a year of darkness and being apart from one another during the pandemic, Nowruz is the messenger of better, brighter days ahead and a reminder of what connects all residents of the County of San Mateo as a community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates March 20, 2022 as Day of Nowruz in the County of San Mateo to celebrate and commemorate the day's significant role in strengthening the ties among various communities and the ideals of peace, harmony in nature, and good neighborliness.

Dated:

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

DAVID J. CANEPA

WARREN SLOCUM

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors